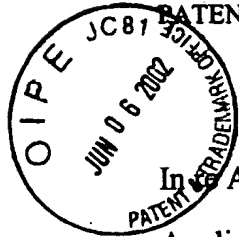


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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT (ELECTION)
AND VOLUNTARY AMENDMENT**

This is in response to the Office action (Restriction Requirement) dated March 29, 2002. The period of time for responding to the Office action was set to expire on April 29, 2002. Applicants petition herewith for a one-month extension of time, making a response due no later than May 29, 2002.

ELECTION

Applicants provisionally elect Examiner's Group VII, IncA. *C. trachomatis*, with traverse.

Applicants take this opportunity to enter the following amendments and refer the Examiner to the accompanying remarks, which address Applicants belief that Examiner's Groups VI and VII should be recombined for prosecution in light of the claim amendments made herein. Should the Examiner find these arguments persuasive, Applicants elect the invention